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New Supervisor of Shipbuilding in Bath, Maine

BATH, MAINE -- Capt. Robert Crowe relieved Capt. Dean Krestos as Supervisor of Shipbuilding (SUPSHIP), Bath, July 7, in a ceremony at the Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, Maine.

Crowe, an engineering duty officer, reports to SUPSHIP Bath from his previous assignment as engineering duty assignments branch head at Naval Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn. From 2006 to 2009, Crowe was officer in charge of SUPSHIP Bath's San Diego detachment, where he also served as the program manager's representative for the T-AKE shipbuilding program. During this assignment, he oversaw the delivery of eight USNS Lewis & Clark-class auxiliary support ships (T-AKEs) to the Military Sealift Command. One of his first engineering duty officer assignments was Arleigh Burke-class production officer at SUPSHIP Gulf Coast from 1999 to 2001. Previous assignments include tours as a surface warfare officer aboard USS Schenectady (LST 1185), USS Avenger (MCM 1), and USS Comstock (LSD 45).

The Honorable Sean Stackley, assistant secretary of the Navy for Research, Development & Acquisition, who served as the ceremony's keynote speaker, cited Crowe's work. "Rob's prior tours with DDG 51 and his experience as technical authority for integrated power system ship designs have prepared him well for his assignment as supervisor," said Stackley. "We all look for great things from you, Rob, and we commit ourselves to your success."

Following the change of command, Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy, commanding officer of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), presented Krestos with a Legion of Merit medal for his professional accomplishments since assuming command of SUPSHIP Bath in April 2006.

Krestos is retiring after a 29-year career serving the Navy. He served as SUPSHIP Bath's 28th commanding officer, overseeing the delivery of 19 ships to the Navy, including seven Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, 11 Lewis & Clark-class auxiliary support ships, and one Independence-class littoral combat ship.

"My Navy career has been about the people I've worked with and known, and SUPSHIP Bath employees are among the most technically capable people I've worked with in my naval career," Krestos said.

McCoy also presented SUPSHIP Bath with its third Meritorious Unit Commendation for outstanding performance in overseeing the delivery of seven ships to the U.S. Navy between January 2009 and December 2010.

A field activity of NAVSEA, SUPSHIP Bath oversees the design and construction of six U.S. Navy ship classes at private shipyards in Bath, Maine, Mobile, Ala., and San Diego, Calif.

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